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Ms. Susan Osborn
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Dear Ms. Osborn:

**RESPONSE TO LETTER RECEIVED FROM GREAT RIVERS COUNCIL - GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA
ON JANUARY 13, 1992**

The following is in response to your letter of January 13, 1992, concerning an off-site property survey associated with the ongoing remediation efforts at the Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP). The numbered items are the questions from your letter followed by our responses:

1. What is the purpose of the survey in the context of the entire FEMP?

The purpose of the survey is to provide a general description of ecological habitats adjacent to the FEMP in order to evaluate potential off-property impacts of various on-property FEMP waste management alternatives being evaluated as part of the technology screening process under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) for each operable unit.

2. Although your request seeks permission to access the "southern portion of the Camp Ross Trails," would you please specify in greater detail the exact portions of the property to which you are referring?

The portion of the Camp Ross Trails property to be surveyed is the extreme southwest corner, as shown in the crosshatching on the enclosed map.

3. What kind of markers are you anticipating using, and do you anticipate removing these markers at any point?

Surveyors will mark the areas to be surveyed with 1/2" x 1" wooden strips, approximately 3 feet long, topped with colored plastic flagging. These strips will be hammered into the soil to an approximate depth of 6 inches. The biologists who perform the ecological survey will remove the markers.

4. Are you requesting permission for the field biologist to have access to the entire Camp Ross Trails property or just the southern portion that you will be describing in greater detail above?

The biologists need to access only the portion of the property described in the answer to Question 2.

5. Will the biologists be recording all plant and animal species or simply selected ones, and if this portion of the survey is limited to specific species, which ones?

The survey is not limited to specific species. Biologists will note any animal or bird species observed, the dominant plant species, and any evidence of threatened or endangered species or wetlands.

6. What is the expected duration of each survey component, and for what hours are you requesting access?

The property survey and the ecological survey will each take no more than one day in the spring or early summer and will take place during daylight (7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) working hours.

7. Is the survey limited to a surface examination of the property, or do you contemplate more intrusive analysis such as borings, drillings, or soil samples?

No intrusive analysis will be done. Biologists may turn over rocks or fallen trees to look for amphibians and reptiles which may hide underneath, but that will be the extent of any physical disturbance to the property.

8. Would you please describe the anticipated report to be generated as a result of the survey?

The biological data secured from the walk-over survey will be part of the database for the ongoing Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS). An Ecological Survey Report will be generated to describe the habitats surveyed, list plants and animals observed, and describe any evidence of wetlands or threatened and endangered species. The data will be used to establish baseline (existing) conditions on the private properties adjacent to the FEMP and support the assessment of environmental risks associated with various waste management alternatives.

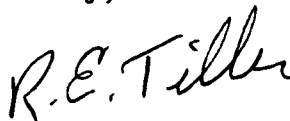
9. When do you anticipate that the report will be issued, and to whom will it be distributed?

As stipulated in the consent form, the Ecological Survey Report will be made available to property owner(s) on request. The anticipated report completion date is scheduled for December 29, 1992. In addition, the report will be placed in the Public Environmental Information Center located in the JAMTEK Building on Route 128.

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If we can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact Randi Allen at (513) 738-6158.

Sincerely,



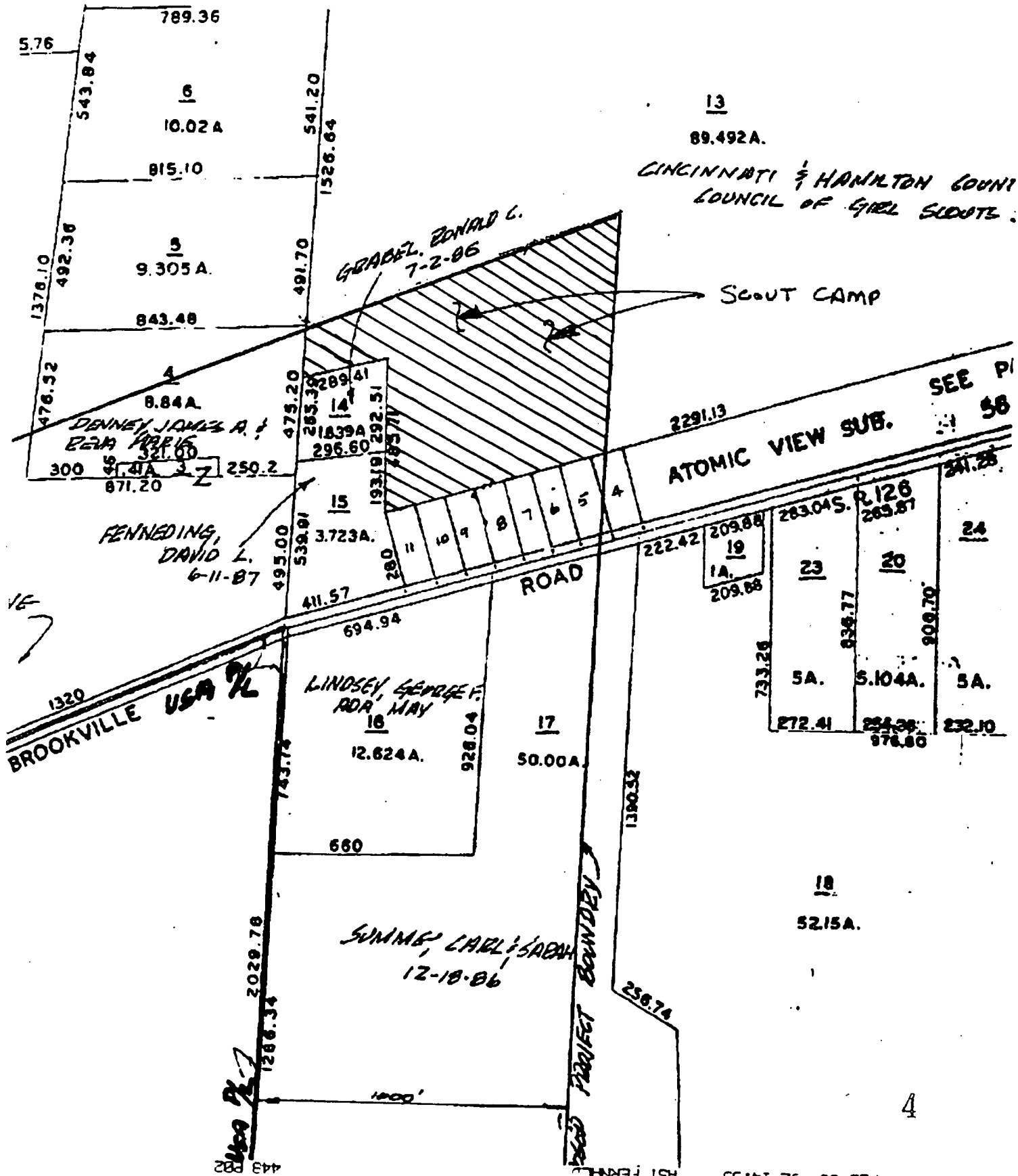
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January 13, 1992

Mr. R. E. Tiller, Manager
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Dear Mr. Tiller:

The Great Rivers Girl Scout Council, Inc. (the "Girl Scouts") has reviewed the request contained in your recent letter to obtain access to a portion of the Camp Ross Trails property for the purposes of conducting FEMP "survey." While the Girl Scouts do not object in principle to granting access for the purposes of certain limited surveys, your recent letter does not describe the scope of the survey and the resulting report in sufficient detail to permit the Girl Scouts to make an informed response to your request.

Accordingly, if you would please answer the following questions, we should be in a position to meaningfully assess our response:

1. What is the purpose of the survey in the context of the entire FEMP?
2. Although your request seeks permission to access the "southern portion of the Camp Ross Trails," would you please specify in greater detail the exact portions of the property to which you are referring?
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8. Would you please describe the anticipated report to be generated as a result of the survey?
9. When do you anticipate that the report will be issued, and to whom will it be distributed?

If you would please respond to these questions in writing, it will facilitate our ability to responsibly answer your request.

Sincerely,



Susan Osborn
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